

SENATE BILL 3558
By Person, Curtis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
39-14-203, relative to the offense of animal
fighting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) Own, possess, keep, use, or train any bull, bear, dog, cock, swine, or other animal, for the purpose of fighting, baiting, or injuring another such animal, for amusement, sport, or gain;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203, is further amended by deleting subsection (c)(1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) an offense under (a) (1)-(3) is a Class E felony.

(c) A violation of subdivisions (a)(1)-(3) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203(d), is further amended by deleting (c)(2) in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203(d), is further amended by substituting the words "Class A" for "Class C".

SECTION 5. An acting clause this act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.